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MESSAGE:

Dear Sir:

With reference to our response filed on May 7, 2004, enclosed please find a further response. Please confirm receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Kehlman

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APPLICANT: J. SCHÄRMÜLLER EXAMINER: PAUL ROYAL
 SERIAL NO.: 10/018,307 GROUP: 3611
 FILED: OCTOBER 29, 2001
 FOR: COUPLING DEVICE BETWEEN A TOWING VEHICLE, IN PARTICULAR A FARM TRACTOR AND A TRAILER

FURTHER RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Further to the amendment filed May 10, 2004 and the petition for extension, the applicant is preparing evidence in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. If and when the Examiner considers the claims to be allowable over Coliberti et al., he is respectfully requested to advise applicant's agent by telephone so that a suitable declaration may be submitted in case the Examiner still consider it to be necessary.

The Examiner's cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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